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Resolution _____

To authorize the Cayuga County Board of Health to seek voluntary compliance with a restriction on all open, free standing, or counter top displays of tobacco products that do not require the intervention of a store employee to retrieve the tobacco product.

By: Sam DeRosa, President, Cayuga County Board of Health

WHEREAS, according to the Surgeon General's office, more than half of all smokers begin smoking before the age of 14, and 70 percent become addicted by the age of 18, and

WHEREAS, nicotine is a proven addictive substance found in all tobacco products, and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 400,000 Americans die every year from cigarette smoking, and

WHEREAS, according to at least one research study by Altman, et al., that despite youth access prevention laws in most states including New York, minors still can purchase tobacco products 70 - 100 percent of the time, and

WHEREAS, according to a survey conducted in the states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire by Dr. Michael C. Caldwell, Commissioner, Dutchess County Health Department, youth access to tobacco products remains a problem wherever there are free standing, open, or counter top displays of tobacco products that do not require employee intervention to retrieve the tobacco products, and

WHEREAS, theft from these free standing, open, or counter top displays of tobacco products still allow youth access to tobacco products, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Cayuga County Board of Health will ask that all tobacco vendors in the County of Cayuga voluntarily restrict public access to tobacco products that do not require employee intervention to retrieve the tobacco product for the intended purchaser and to restrict such open access by whatever means is most expedient.

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